



American Public Gas Association



American Gas Association

Top Priorities for a Safer System

Michael Comstock
Energy Resources Deputy Director
City of Mesa

Scott Cisel
Chairman, President & CEO
Ameren Illinois Utilities

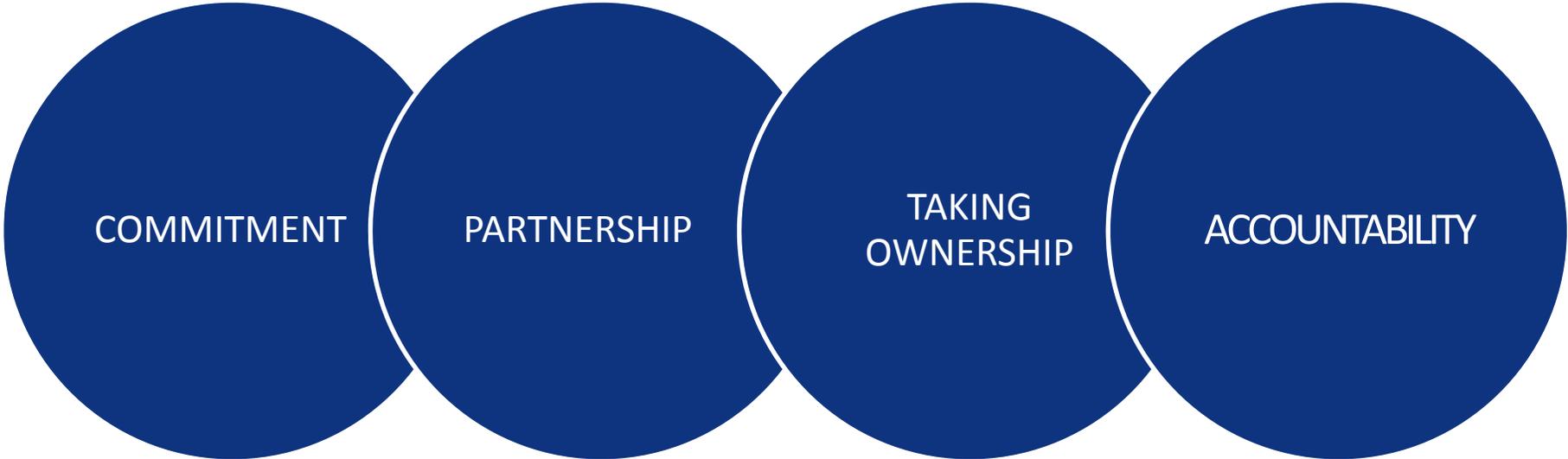


Top Priorities

Keep our **focus on key initiatives** underway to improve pipeline safety

- DIMP
- Damage prevention
- Industry's voluntary initiatives
 - Best practices programs, conferences & workshops, publications, safety summits, etc
- Public awareness
- Control room management
- Research, development & deployment

Continuing To Improve Pipeline Safety



APGA Commitment

- Board of Directors
- Operations and Safety Committee
- Safety Manual for Gas Utility Workers, co-sponsored with PHMSA and National Safety Council
- Sharing best practices
- Security and Integrity Foundation (SIF)

Security and Integrity Foundation

- Provides Operator Qualification Training to small utilities
- Procedures for safe performance of O&M tasks
- On-line integrity management plan creation tool, including a risk ranking model (nearly 1,000 systems are using it)
- Collaboration between PHMSA and APGA

Industry Commitment Must Start at the Top



Raising the Bar

Continuous improvement to the safe and reliable delivery of natural gas through:

- Exchanging best practices and lessons learned
- Sharing of information among emergency responders and the public
- Collaborating with key stakeholders

Necessary Steps

- Elevate enforcement of 811
 - No exemptions and commensurate fines
- Establish data quality team
 - Government , industry, public
 - Improve data collection and analysis
- Implement a process to promote the highest levels of safety, reliability and operations excellence
- Sustain funding research, development and deployment of new and enhanced technology

Our Commitment

- Work in collaboration with various stakeholders
- Pursue highest levels of safety and operations performance
- Modernize the systems
- Enhance public outreach
- Make things happen